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SUBJECT: MEXICALI SEWAGE PROBLEM

REFS: A) MEXICO 850; B) STATE 025041; C) MEXICO 1841

1. EMBASSY HAS AT LAST RECEIVED RESPONSE TO ITS NOTES NOS. 1327 AND 2116 DEALING WITH MEXICALI SEWAGE PROBLEM. TEXT OF FIRST PERSON NOTE FROM FONSEC FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

2. DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE NO. 1327, OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1975, AND 2116, OF DECEMBER 18, 1975, CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL SANITATION PROBLEM CAUSED BY THE SUBSTANTIAL DISCHARGE OF RAW SEWAGE FROM THE CITY OF MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA, INTO THE NEW RIVER AND ITS ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES TERRITORY.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT WAS SAID IN NOTE NO. 11063, OF APRIL 18, 1975, THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO IS GIVING CONTINUOUS AND PRIORITY ATTENTION TO SAID INTERNATIONAL SANITATION PROBLEM AND, WITHOUT REGARD TO COSTS, HAS UNDERTAKEN THE PROPOSED WORKS FOR SOLVING THE
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PROBLEM IN THE MOST EFFICIENT MANNER, GIVEN THE

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CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE GROWTH OF THE CITY OF MEXICALI.

4. I CAN INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE SECRETARY OF WATER RESOURCES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS PLANS, WILL IN THE COURSE OF THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR COMPLETE THE WORKS WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THE COMPLETION AND TREATMENT OF SEWAGE PRODUCED BY THE CITY OF MEXICALI, PRIOR TO ITS BEING DISCHARGED INTO THE NEW RIVER. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THESE WORKS, WHICH WILL SERVE TO COLLECT AND TREAT 90 PERCENT OF THE SEWAGE PRODUCED IN THIS CASE, THE SECRETARY OF WATER RESOURCES WILL PROCEED TO ATTEND TO PART OF THAT PROBLEM RESULTING FROM THE RECENT GROWTH OF THE CITY, ACCORDING TO PLANS WHICH ARE NOW UNDER STUDY.

5. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
/S/ALFONSO GARCIA ROBLES.

END TEXT.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY REGARDS FORSEC RESPONSE AS SOMEWHAT MORE FORTHCOMING THATN WE HAD EXPECTED WHILE SOMEWHAT LESS SPECIFIC IN ITS TERMS THAN WE HAD HOPED.

7. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT, AS WE WERE ADVISED INFORMALLY, FONSEC RESPONSE MAKES NO REFERENCE AT ALL TO OUR OWN SUGGESTION OF FINANCIAL COOPERATION IN BUILDING NECESSARY TREATMENT WORKS, APART FROM POINTED REMARK THAT GOM WAS UNDERTAKING ITS OWN PROJECTS "WITHOUT REGARD TO COSTS".

8. WE TRUST ROVIROSA-FRIEDKIN MEETING THIS WEEKEND AT MEXICALI WILL CONTINUE MOMENTUM TOWARD SOLUTION.
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